

Thirteenth session of the Assembly
Abu Dhabi, 14–15 January 2023

Annotated Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

The thirteenth session of the Assembly commences at 10.00 am on 14 January 2023. El Salvador, as President of the twelfth session of the Assembly, will open the meeting.

2. Organisation of work

a. Election of officials

Pursuant to Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly (RoP), the Assembly shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents, having due regard to equitable geographical representation.

Pursuant to Rule 28 of the RoP, at the beginning of each meeting of the Assembly, the Assembly shall confirm the designation made at the previous meeting and elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among its membership.

Pursuant to Rule 31 of the RoP, the President, at the beginning of each Assembly session, shall propose to a Member of the Assembly to act as Rapporteur.

At its twelfth session, the Assembly designated India as President, and Belgium, Indonesia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Zimbabwe as Vice-Presidents of its thirteenth session.

The Assembly may wish to confirm the designations made at its twelfth session, and elect India as President, and Belgium, Indonesia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Zimbabwe as Vice-Presidents of its thirteenth session.

The President may wish to appoint the Rapporteur.

b. Adoption of the agenda (A/13/L.1)

Pursuant to Rule 13 of the RoP, the provisional agenda shall be submitted to the Assembly as soon as possible after the opening of the session.

The Assembly will have before it the provisional agenda (A/13/L.1).

The Assembly may wish to consider and adopt the provisional Agenda.

c. Appointment of the Credentials Committee

Pursuant to Rule 25 of the RoP, a Credentials Committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each session. It shall consist of nine members, which shall be appointed by the Assembly on the proposal of the President. The Committee shall elect its own officers.

The Assembly may wish to appoint the members of the Credentials Committee as proposed by the President.

d. Participation of Observers (A/13/L.2)

Pursuant to Rule 23 of the RoP, signatories, applicants for membership and other entities to whom observer status may be granted by the Assembly under Article VII of the Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency (Statute), should inform the President, who shall place such request for observer status on the agenda of the Assembly for its consideration.

The Assembly will have before it the list of applicants seeking observer status at the thirteenth session of the Assembly (A/13/L.2) as circulated following the close of registration.

The Assembly may wish to consider the matter and grant observer status for the thirteenth session of the Assembly to entities included on the list of applicants.

3. Host country and other opening remarks

There will be high-level statements including by the Presidency of the Assembly, the Host Country, the Director-General as well as by other high-level guests.

The Assembly may wish to take note of the statements made.

4. High-level Plenary session on World Energy Transition – The Global Stocktake (A/13/BN/1)

The first UNFCCC Global Stocktake will conclude at COP28 in Dubai. It will consider the world's collective progress in the implementation of the Paris Agreement and its long-term goals. Energy transitions are a central part of this effort, and IRENA's World Energy Transitions Outlook sets out a pathway aligned with a 1.5°C future that can help guide the Global Stocktake. Among other things, IRENA is providing the best available science to inform the process as well as a venue for dialogue and a framework for action.

The High-level Plenary session will set the scene for the Assembly's deliberations and consider the role of energy transitions in the context of the Global Stocktake. In preparation for COP28, it will reflect on the key priorities of the energy transition, in diverse geographical and sectoral settings.

The Assembly may wish to take note of the insights and views provided.

5. Annual Report of the Director-General on the Implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2022-2023 (A/13/3)

Pursuant to Article IX.H.3 of the Statute, the Assembly shall, by consensus of the Members present, adopt the annual report.

The Council, at its twenty-fourth meeting, considered and decided to transmit to the Assembly the 'Annual Report of the Director-General on the Implementation of the Work Programme and

Budget for 2022-2023' (C/24/2). The annual report has been updated to reflect developments since the meeting of the Council.

The Director-General will report on the implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2022-2023 as contained in the 'Annual Report of the Director-General on the Implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2022-2023' (A/13/3), including on the contribution to the Global Stocktake process and plans for Member consideration and input.

The Assembly may wish to consider and adopt the 'Annual Report of the Director-General on the Implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2022-2023'.

6. Draft Medium-Term Strategy 2023-2027 (A/13/L.4; A/13/DC/L.1)

The Medium-term Strategy (MTS) is a strategic framework that defines IRENA's "vision, strategic directions, objectives and activities" over the course of five years (A/1/DC/8). The Agency's first MTS was adopted at the third Assembly session in January 2013 (A/3/DC/14). The implementation of the second MTS, adopted at the eighth session of the Assembly in 2018 (A/8/DC/2), is due to be completed in 2022.

The eleventh session of the Assembly created a Working Team comprising interested Members to guide and support the development of the Medium-Term Strategy 2023-2027. The Working Team was co-facilitated by Denmark and Kenya and held four meetings in 2021 and 2022.

The Council, during its twenty-fourth meeting, considered the 'Draft Medium-term Strategy 2023-2027', and decided to transmit it to the Assembly for its consideration and adoption. The Draft Medium-term Strategy 2023-2027 has been updated to reflect the feedback received during the meeting of the Council.

The Assembly will have before it the 'Draft Medium-term Strategy 2023-2027' (A/13/L.4), and the related draft decision (A/13/DC/L.1). The Director-General will introduce the item.

The Assembly may wish to consider the 'Draft Medium-term Strategy 2023-2027' and adopt the related draft decision.

7. General Member Statements

Delegations wishing to share their national experiences/statements on priority actions and challenges related to the deployment of renewable energy and exchange views on issues related to the energy transition in the coming decade and beyond are invited to register in the Speakers List by sending a request noting the name and the title of the speaker to Assembly@irena.org, indicating in the subject line "IRENA Assembly: Speakers List".

The requests will be considered observing the international protocol precedence and the principle of "first come, first served". A preliminary Speakers List based on requests received will be circulated prior to the opening session of the Assembly.

The Council may wish to take note of experiences shared by Members.

8. Ministerial Roundtable on Decarbonising Shipping: The role of ports in addressing supply, demand and trade of renewable-based fuels (A/13/BN/2)

This Ministerial meeting aims to facilitate a dialogue between the governments and the maritime shipping industry to discuss the decarbonisation of maritime shipping as well as to identify and discuss priority actions.

To ensure timely planning, **delegations are requested to confirm the intervention of their Minister or Head of Delegation at the Ministerial Roundtable by sending in their request** to the Secretariat at Assembly@irena.org, indicating in the subject line “*IRENA Assembly: Ministerial Roundtable*”.

The Assembly may wish to take note of the report of this Ministerial Roundtable, which will be presented at Plenary.

9. Ministerial Dialogue on Regional Energy Transition Outlooks: Southeast Asia Energy Transitions (A/13/BN/3)

This Ministerial Dialogue will provide a platform for a high-level discussion on scaling up renewable energy uptake in Southeast Asia, with a view to supporting its ambitions to achieve sustainable growth and prosperity.

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the presentations and discussions.

10. Ministerial Dialogue on Critical materials for the Renewables-Centred Energy Transition: How to jointly harness opportunities (A/13/BN/4)

This Ministerial Dialogue will focus on experiences on de-risking supply, including materials innovation and recycling, and making the supply chain more environmentally and socially sustainable. The discussion will contribute to the work of the Collaborative Framework on Critical Materials for the Energy Transition, amongst others.

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the presentations and discussions.

11. Ministerial Dialogue on Energy Transition Accelerator Financing (ETAF) Platform (A/13/BN/5)

This Ministerial Dialogue will focus on the ETAF Platform, partners and its innovative business model aimed to increase investments in renewable energy to meet the developing world’s energy transition ambitions and potential, while meeting Sustainable Development and Climate Goals. This session will also facilitate discussions on reducing barriers to greater investment growth in energy transition assets by taking steps to reduce project risk and raise capital.

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the presentations and discussions.

12. Reports from Ministerial meetings and other events

The Assembly will hear reports from the Ministerial Roundtable meeting held on 14 January 2023, and the Ministerial and other High-level and stakeholder meetings held on 13 January 2023.

13. Report of the Chair of the Council

The Chair of the Council will provide an oral report on Council matters since the twelfth session of the Assembly.

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the report of the Chair of the Council.

14. Administrative and Institutional matters

a. Report of the Credentials Committee (A/13/5)

Pursuant to Rule 25 of the RoP, the Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of all representatives and report without delay to the Assembly.

The Assembly will have before it the 'Report of the Credentials Committee' (A/13/5). The Chair of the Credentials Committee will introduce the matter.

The Assembly may wish to consider and approve the 'Report of the Credentials Committee'.

b. Staff Tenure Policy

Following the consideration of the Chair's Summary of the outcome of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting (C/24/CRP/2/Rev.1) as well as an oral report of Zimbabwe on the outcome of the Open-ended Group on the Tenure Policy for Professional staff and above, in its capacity as the Facilitator, the Council, at its twenty-fourth meeting, agreed to maintain the current tenure policy for Professional staff and above.

The Chair of the Council will introduce the item and inform the Assembly of the outcomes and recommendation of the Council on this matter.

The Assembly may wish to consider the outcomes and recommendation of the Council on this matter.

c. Report of the Director-General - Secondment of Personnel and related matters (A/13/6)

In decision A/2/DC/5 on secondment of staff to IRENA, the Assembly requested the Director-General to report to the Assembly at its third session, and thereafter on a biennial basis, on the implementation of this decision.

Following the Council's consideration, the Assembly will have before it the 'Report of the Director-General on Secondment of personnel' (A/13/6).

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the 'Report of the Director-General on Secondment of personnel'.

d. Audited Financial Statements of IRENA for 2021 (A/13/7) and Status of the Implementation of External Audit Recommendations (A/13/8)

Pursuant to Financial Regulation 12.2, the Director-General shall submit the financial statements for the past financial year to the Assembly for its consideration.

Following the Council's consideration, the Assembly will have before it the 'Audited Financial Statements of IRENA for 2021' (A/13/7) together with the related reports of the External Auditor, as well as the 'Report of the Director-General on the Status of Implementation of the External Audit Recommendations' (A/13/8). The Secretariat will introduce the matter.

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the 'Audited Financial Statements of IRENA for 2021' and the 'Report of the Director-General on the Status of Implementation of the External Audit Recommendations'.

e. Report of the Director-General - Indicative IRENA Scale of Contributions for 2023 (A/13/9; A/13/DC/L.2)

Pursuant to Article XII.A.1. of the Statute of IRENA and Financial Regulation 6.1, mandatory contributions from Members are based on the scale of assessments of the United Nations, as determined by the Assembly and adjusted to reflect the Agency's membership.

New Members join the Agency periodically pursuant to Article VI of the IRENA Statute, and the scale of contributions requires adjustments in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.2 to take into account contributions from new Members.

Following the Council's consideration, and including further adjustments made to account for additional Members, the Assembly will have before it the 'Report of the Director-General on the Indicative IRENA Scale of Contributions for 2023' (A/13/9) and a related draft decision (A/13/DC/L.2). The Secretariat will introduce the matter.

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the 'Report of the Director-General on the Indicative IRENA Scale of Contributions for 2023' and adopt the related draft decision.

f. Report of the Director-General - Status of Collection of Assessed Contributions and Advances to the Working Capital Fund (A/13/INF/2)

Following the Council's consideration, the Assembly will have before it the 'Report of the Director-General on the Status of Collection of Assessed Contributions and Advances to the Working Capital Fund' (A/13/INF/2). The Secretariat will introduce the matter.

The Assembly may wish to take note of the 'Report of the Director-General on the Status of Collection of Assessed Contributions and Advances to the Working Capital Fund'.

g. 2021 Annual Report of the Provident Fund Management Board on Operations of the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA (A/13/10) and Appointment of Management Board members

Pursuant to the Principles for the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA, approved by the Assembly in decision A/1/DC/4, the Staff Provident Fund Management Board shall provide an annual report on operations of the Provident Fund to the Assembly. The annual report shall include financial statements that clearly show the result of operations and the financial condition of the Staff Provident Fund for the relevant year. The financial statements of the Staff Provident Fund shall be audited by the external auditors of the Agency.

Pursuant to Article 6.1 of the Charter of the Staff Provident Fund (A/5/7), all Staff Provident Fund Management Board representatives have a mandate for a period of two years with an option for renewal. Members are requested to appoint two Members' representatives to the Management Board of the Staff Provident Fund.

Following the Council's consideration, the Assembly will have before it the '2021 Annual Report of the Provident Fund Management Board on Operations of the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA' (A/13/10).

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the '2021 Annual Report of the Provident Fund Management Board on Operations of the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA'.

The Assembly may also wish to consider and appoint two Member representatives of the Staff Provident Fund Management Board, as recommended by the Council at its twenty-fourth meeting.

h. Report of the Ethics Officer on the Implementation of the Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest

Pursuant to the Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for IRENA, adopted by the Assembly in decision A/2/DC/7, the Ethics Officer is requested to prepare a report on the implementation of the Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest on an annual basis.

Following Council consideration, the Assembly will have before it the 'Report of the Ethics Officer on the Implementation of the Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest' (A/13/11).

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the 'Report of the Ethics Officer on the Implementation of the Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest'.

i. Council membership for 2023-2024

Pursuant to Article IX.G.1. of the Statute, the Assembly shall, by consensus of the Members present, elect the members of the Council. The election to the IRENA Council is also governed by Rules 69 and 70 of the RoP with due regard being paid to the Regional Groupings set out in the annex of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

In February 2022 Members were invited to express their interest in Council membership by the deadline of 4 March 2022. Members were then invited to hold consultations on the basis of the expressions of interest received. Progress on this matter was reported to Council at its twenty-fourth meeting in October 2022.

The Assembly will have before it the proposed list of Council members for the years 2023-2024, as submitted by the President of the thirteenth Assembly following consultations among Members and contained in the annex of the related draft decision (A/13/DC/L.3).

The Assembly may wish to consider the matter and adopt the 'Draft decision on the membership of the Council of IRENA'.

15. Recommendation of the twenty-third Council meeting on the renewal of the appointment of the incumbent Director-General in accordance with Article XI.B of the IRENA Statute (A/13/DC/L.4)

Pursuant to Article XI paragraph B of the Statute, the Director-General shall be appointed by the Assembly upon recommendation of the Council for a term of four years, renewable for one further term, but not thereafter.

At its twenty-third meeting, pursuant to paragraph III (i) of the Addendum to document A/5/5, the Council unanimously decided to recommend to the Assembly the renewal of the appointment of the incumbent Director-General for a further term (C/23/SR/1, paragraph 107). The Council Chair will introduce the item including the related draft decision contained in document A/13/DC/L.4.

The Assembly may wish to consider the renewal of the appointment of the incumbent Director-General for a further term and the adoption of the related decision.

16. Arrangements for the fourteenth session of the Assembly

Pursuant to Rule 1 of the RoP, the Assembly shall meet annually unless it decides otherwise. The session shall be convened on a date set by the Assembly at its previous regular session.

Pursuant to Rule 7 of the RoP, sessions of the Assembly shall take place at the seat of the Agency unless the Assembly decides otherwise.

Pursuant to Rule 28 of the RoP, the Assembly shall, at the end of each session, designate a President and four Vice-Presidents that will formally be elected at the beginning of the next session of the Assembly.

The fourteenth session of the Assembly is tentatively proposed to be held on 13 and 14 January 2024 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, with related meetings held prior to that date.

To facilitate advance planning for the fifteenth session of the Assembly in 2025, the President of the Assembly will invite expressions of interest for the positions of the President (Europe and Others group) and four Vice-Presidents of the fifteenth session of the Assembly to be submitted to the Secretariat by 30 June 2023.

The Assembly may wish to decide on the arrangements for its fourteenth session, including dates and the designation of a President and four Vice-Presidents. The Assembly may also wish to consider the arrangements for the designation of the President and four Vice-Presidents at its fifteenth session.

17. Any other business

18. Closing of the meeting